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FORM

OF

PRAYER,

TO BE USED

In all Churches, Chapels and Places of Public Worſhip, according to the uſage of the Church of England, throughout His Majeſty's Province of Nova-Scotia, on *Friday* the Twenty fifth Day of April, 1794; being the day appointed by Proclamation, for a General FAST and Humiliation before Almighty God, to be obſerved in moſt devout and ſolemn manner, by ſending up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majeſty:

FOR

Obtaining pardon of our Sins, and for averting thoſe heavy Judgments which our manifold Provocations have deſerved; and for imploring his aſſiſtance and bleſſing on the Arms of his Majeſty by Sea and Land, and for reſtoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and proſperity to himſelf, and to his Dominions.

By ſpecial deſire of his Excellency, the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy days, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ Proper Pſalms, XXV, XXVII, XLVI.

¶ Firſt Leſſon, Iſaiah LVIII.

¶ Second Leſſon, Matth. III. to Verſe 11.

¶ *Inſtead of the Collect for the Day, the two following Collects are to be uſed.*

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful God, Creator and Governor of the World, we moſt humbly approach Thee with prayer and ſupplication for thy powerful ſuccour in this time of our neceſſity. Look down from heaven, O Lord, we beſeech Thee, and aſſiſt our warfare againſt an enemy to all Chriſtian Kings, Princes and States; who, not having the fear of Thee before his eyes, truſteth in violence, and delighteth in blood. Confiding in thy Almighty power, and thine infinite goodneſs, we humbly and earneſtly implore the pardon of our ſins; and thy protection and deliverance from the calamities with which we are threatened.

THOU haſt been our merciful God, from generation to generation. *Our fathers truſted in Thee, and were holpen.* We confeſs, with ſhame and ſorrow, that in our proſperity we have not retained ſo grateful a remembrance of Thee as we ought; yet we have not forgotten thy holy name and word. We are deeply ſenſible that all our efforts will be ineffectual, unleſs Thou, O God, *from whom alone cometh our help*, and from whom alone it can come, goeſt forth with our fleets and armies. Our counſels, our hearts, and our hands, are under thy Almighty direction. Direct them, O Lord, to ſuch exertions as may convince our enemies that we are thy people; and that thine arm, can ſet at naught and overturn the moſt daring deſigns againſt our peace. Convert us, we beſeech Thee, to a full ſenſe and practice of our duty; and make our enemies know and feel, that Thou art the ſupreme diſpoſer of all events; and that thoſe who lift up their banners againſt Thee, ſhall be humbled under thy mighty hand.

HEAR us, O God our Saviour; ſave thy people that truſteth in Thee, for the ſake and through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge, with penitent hearts, thine infinite goodneſs in encouraging us to apply to Thee for ſuccour, and to thy holy word for comfort. We have been ſignally bleſſed in the poſſeſſion of thy true Religion, and in the enjoyment of temporal proſperity. But we have ungratefully forſaken Thee, the fountain of all happineſs; neglecting the ſubſtance of our Religion, and making our worldly goods the inſtruments of evil deſires. We

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feel and lament this prevailing ſinfulneſs; and devoutly implore the aſſiſtance of thy grace to reſtore us to a dutiful ſenſe of Thee and of ourſelves; beſeeching Thee to cleanſe and ſanctify our ſouls by the influences of thy Holy Spirit; and in the multitude of thy mercies, to do away our offences, and to remember our iniquities no more. O let the light of thy countenance ſhine upon us this day! Warm and invigorate our drowſy wills and affections; confirm and ſtrengthen our reſolutions of amendment; that we may put away all ungodlineſs and ſinful luſts, and earneſtly follow after the peace, which they have who love thy law: That ſo holding faſt the profeſſion of our faith in purity of heart and mind, we may finally become acceptable in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *After the Prayer in the end of the Litany* (We humbly beſeech Thee, &c. *the following ſhall be added.*

O Lord, moſt good and powerful, we thy ſinful people, here aſſembled before Thee, do acknowledge it thine unſpeakable mercy, that for our manifold and heinous provocations we are not utterly conſumed, and given over a prey to our enemies. We confeſs with ſorrow and confuſion our long unfruitfulneſs under the means of grace, and light of thy Goſpel, and the many wonderful deliverances of our Church and Civil Conſtitution, which thou in thy great goodneſs haſt vouchſafed unto us. Shouldeſt thou, O Lord, enter into judgment with us for the crying ſins that abound among us, our profaneneſs and infidelity, our hereſies and ſchiſms, our groſs impurities, our lukewarmneſs in thy cauſe and neglect of thy ordinances, and other manifold offences, thou mighteſt juſtly inflict upon us the ſeverity of thy wrath, and deliver us up to the inſults of our cruel enemies: But there is mercy with the Thee, therefore ſhalt thou be feared. Thou art the Lord God, tender and full of compaſſion; not willing that any ſhould periſh, but that all ſhould repent and be ſaved. Look down therefore, we beſeech Thee, with an eye of pity and loving kindneſs on thy ſervants, who with broken and contrite hearts do here bewail our tranſgreſſions and wretchedneſs. Let our land, in this time of trouble, ſtill enjoy the light of thy countenance, and the bleſſings of thy bountiful hand; and ſo work upon our hearts and minds by the influences of thy Holy Spirit, that being turned from the error of our ways, and created to newneſs of life, we may walk before Thee in all holineſs and righteouſneſs in this world, and inherit thine everlaſting kingdom in that which is to come, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King, inſtead of the Collect for the day, the two Collects appointed in its place at Morning Prayer* [Almighty and moſt merciful God—and O Lord, our heavenly father] *ſhall be read.*

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The Epiſtle, I. Peter II. Verſe 11. to Verſe 18.

The Goſpel, Luke XIII. Verſe 1 to 10.

¶ *After the* SERMON *ſhall be read the following Prayers.*

Bleſſed Lord, who at ſundry times and divers manners haſt manifeſted thine abundant mercy to our Church and nation, in thy marvellous protection of our religion, laws, and liberties, from the ſecret attempts and open conſpiracies of malicious enemies; We, adoring thy glorious Majeſty with all praiſe and thankſgiving for the ſame, do moſt humbly and earneſtly beſeech Thee to preſerve evermore in our minds ſuch a lively remembrance and grateful ſenſe of theſe invaluable bleſſings, that by our exemplary and religious uſe of them, and happy improvements under them, to thy honour and ſervice, thou mayeſt be pleaſed to grant a continuance of them to us, and to our poſterity. Take away from us, O Lord, all hardneſs of heart, all neglect of thy ordinances, and contempt of thy word; and endue us with a ſpirit of piety and devotion, a ſpirit of juſtice and temperance, of humility and charity, and of all other graces which adorn the Chriſtian profeſſion; that ſo thy dreadful diſpleaſure and judgements may ever be averted from us, and iniquity not become our ruin. Be thou pleaſed alſo with thine eſpecial favour to guard and proſper our gracious Sovereign King George, with all the Royal family. Be thou to him, O Lord, an helmet of Salvation againſt his enemies that delight in war, and have not thy fear before them. Do thou, we pray Thee, blaſt their ungodly deſigns to ſubvert our holy religion and civil privileges; defeat their ſtratagems, and ſo put them to flight before his face, that the terror of his arms may add dignity and luſtre to his crown, and bring ſafety, joy, and happineſs to himſelf, and his dominions. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

O moſt merciful and Gracious God, to whom we have this day offered up our prayers and ſupplications for the pardon of our ſins, and for deliverance from the evils of War; ſuffer us, we beſeech Thee, to add our humble interceſſion for the repentance and converſion of men, who, having caſt off their faith in Thee, the living God, and following the vain imaginations of reprobate minds, have plunged themſelves into thoſe horrible iniquities and cruelties, which aſtoniſh the Chriſtian world. Grant, O Lord, unto us thy ſervants, whilſt we behold with compaſſion the miſeries they have inflicted upon the the objects of their fury, to recollect, alſo with the deepeſt gratitude, the many calamities from which we are exempted by this merciful providence. What are we, O Lord, that Thou ſhouldeſt ſo regard us! O let thy mercy enter into our hearts, and make us truly thankful, fearful of thy diſpleaſure, and ſenſible of thy preſence; that, with hands and hearts lifted up unto Thee, we may ſo paſs through the uncertainties of things temporal, that we finally loſe not the things eternal: Grant this, O Lord through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual office, except where it is in this office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ Proper Pſalms, LIII, LXI, CXXI.

¶ Firſt Leſſon, II. Chron. XX. to verſe 25.

¶ Second Leſſon, James IV. to verſe 11.

¶ *After the Prayer* [Lighten our darkneſs] *ſhall be read the following*——

O moſt mighty God, and merciful Father, who haſt compaſſion upon all men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made; who wouldeſt not the death of a ſinner, but that he ſhould rather turn from his ſin and be ſaved; mercifully forgive us our treſpaſſes; receive and comfort us who are grieved with the burthen of our ſins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive ſin and tranſgreſſion. Spare us therefore, Good Lord, ſpare thy people, whom thou haſt redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy ſervants, who are vile earth and miſerable ſinners; but ſo turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileneſs, and truly repent us of our faults; and ſo make haſte to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the People ſhall repeat this that followeth, after the Miniſter.*

Turn us, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn unto Thee in faſting and Prayer. For thou art a merciful God, full of compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve puniſhment; and in thy wrath, thinkeſt upon mercy. Spare thy people, Good Lord, ſpare them; and let not thine heritage be brought to confuſion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies, look upon us through the merits and mediation of thy bleſſed Son, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall follow the Prayer* [O Lord, moſt good and powerful] *appointed at the end of the Litany in Morning Prayer.*

¶ *After the General Thankſgiving* [Almighty God, Father of all mercies] *ſhall be read the Prayers appointed after Sermon at Morning Prayer* [Bleſſed Lord, who at ſundry times and divers manners *and* O moſt merciful and gracious God].

HALIFAX, March 24th, 1794.